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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR MARCH WAS 110,721.

STAND TOGETHER! Let the sections stand together and no scheming of the politicians can beat the transit loan.

A FEW weeks ago Mayor Smith ordered certain changes in the comprehensive transit plan, the effect of which would have been to waste millions of the taxpayers' money and deprive them of real rapid transit.

But the people were not dumb enough to want that kind of blessing, having been promised the real thing, and they protested with such vigor that the Mayor backtracked faster than he ever progressed forward and straight-way got into line.

For that he deserved praise and gladly we accord it to him. The next best thing to a good Mayor is a poor Mayor who can be made to do a good thing provided he is pressed hard enough by the public.

But now the epoch-making, comprehensive transit plan, the key to the future greatness of the city and the supreme test of the community's fitness for intelligent progress, is before the people themselves.

The Public Ledger charges and the Record charges and the Inquirer charges and the Bulletin charges that the Mayor himself is the greatest menace to the success of the loans that exist.

When the battleship Idaho is launched in Camden in June the ways will be clear for another big ship. Congress has not authorized the construction of any vessels to take its place in the shipyard.

Not the pressure of other news, but the lack of action at Verdun, has kept that name from the first page of American newspapers.

There is no reason to believe that McNichols favors rapid transit, in spite of Senator Penrose and Mr. Lane is, by intimation, too strong an advocate of ten-cent fares and "near-bells" traction dividends to be anything but a straight enemy of public improvement.

fact, each keenly alive to the chance of strangling transit. Mr. Lane mobilized his voters against the small loan last year and it was only in his stamping ground that any opposition of importance developed.

We say, therefore, to the people of Frankford, and to the people of South Philadelphia, and to those who live in Darby and West Philadelphia, and to those along North Broad street, in Germantown and Chestnut Hill, in Roxborough, Manayunk and the Northwest, to the people in the great central sections, and to all other citizens who have the welfare of themselves and Philadelphia at heart:

Transit is not a political question. Leaders who advise you to vote against transit seek to betray you for selfish purposes. They might better rifle your pockets. Avoid and ignore them. Organize yourselves without political or factional division for this one fight, for this one vote, for this one project.

If Congress were determined to prevent the adoption of any preparedness plan it could not be going about it in a better way.

The circus at Hunting Park avenue and 19th street will interest people who have been indifferent to the one that has been exhibiting in Penn Square since the first Wednesday in January.

The summer headquarters of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy will be at Pothogue, N. Y., this summer. The German Ambassador, however, is delaying his summer plans till he knows whether the American climate will agree with him.

"Profit sharing" is enjoyed by the employees of 200 American enterprises, but what does the National Civic Federation call it when the employees of 200,000 American enterprises get their weekly wages whether there is any profit in the business or not?

Harmony reigns again. Sweet concord purrs its blessing over Brumbaugh and Penrose. Both are now morally certain that one, at least, is not a candidate for the Presidency.

Senator Lodge and John Bassett Moore have been elected vice presidents of the American Society of International Law, succeeding Mr. Bryan and James B. Angell.

That Germany can be humble when it suits her purpose, and when several hundred thousand men are under arms to compel her, can be learned from the official statement that Switzerland has received an abject apology for the flight of a German aviator over her soil.

Those German submarine commanders who had such difficulty in communicating with headquarters several months ago when "mistakes" were occurring seem to have developed a new system of wigwagging their chiefs.

Tom Daly's Column

BERRY U. OF P. Oh, hear our 'rah-rah-rah, Berry! We do not care a strawberry, As long as we have you, Berry, To wear the Red and Blueberry. Our skies will not be blackberry. With you upon the track, Berry, Because we cannot lose, Berry. Old Penn would be a gooseberry. If you should cease to be The joy that makes her chuckle: 'He's my little h-u-duckle Huckleberry, U. of P!'

Looking Ahead 'H'AVEN'T you decided yet where you're to spend the summer?' 'Oh, yes; mother insists upon Newport, but she and father are hopelessly divided about where we'll spend the fall.'

Ireland was Ireland When England wasn't much And Ireland will be Ireland When England's talking Dutch. 'Zat so? An' what'll Ireland be talkin' in them days? The Dubuque College quintet, which is composed of two former West Philadelphia High School runners, arrived in town and took a few spins up and down the track yesterday.

'Some quietest,' comments B. V. R., 'and haven't friends Barnum & Bailey missed a bet here?' Sir—Here are an ad. and a sport note clipped from the same paper: LOST—Friday, 3 artificial eyes, in small box. Will motor please send to Wall & Ochs, 1716 Chestnut st.

THIS, from our own dear paper, would lead one to suppose that the Frankford Theatre, which is being described, is the home of comedy solely: The approach to the foyer is down a gently inclined slope, flanked on either side by ornate stairways which extend up to an overhanging gallery from which you enter the balcony.

Bean Boundaries II JUDGE SULZBERGER They put a helmet on your head, A dainty thing as light as lead. They dress a lever (not too hard) And pins record upon a card. This curious sort of dotted fence, In this that holds these rhymes, you see A brainy legal boundary. For here the highest thoughts intrude. Within these little dots we find The measure of a mighty mind. For long a glory to the bench.

AN ESTEEMED fellow citizen, who has just returned from a Western trip, reports various salsus of the times: In St. Louis a wight yecept Grubb' conducts a restaurant, which, certes, is known as 'Grubb's Grubbery.' In Chicago he became aware of 'Baer, Gowns.'

Arriving here, with all this upon his mind, he noticed that one Manger conducts a restaurant on Market near 19th street, and recalled that 'manger,' in French, means "to eat."

THEATRICAL managers (with the loud pedal on the musical comedy promoters) are notoriously a bunch of sheep. If a play or a song gets by big, there'll be a dozen more like it on the market right off the bat—but we never believed this of the book publishers until we noticed a local firm's ad. of "Our Miss York," patterned upon Edna Ferber's "Our Miss McCheesney."

Notice To the ladies of Allentown and my old customer, the rag-man that drove the two black horses from Bethlehem now drives two gray ones and instead of blowing a whistle will root an automobile horn and will drive over his route same as before on Tuesdays and Fridays, 24-1st —Allentown (Pa.) Call.

The Canny Fisherman I met an ancient fisherman All in the misty twilight gray He had two wee ones, in a can. 'Twas without hope, or conscious plan I hastened as, upon the way, I met an ancient fisherman.

And Fortune chanced to cast a wan Pale smile on me that chilly day— He had two wee ones, in a can. "What luck?" I chattered, as I ran When, fortunately, as I say, I met an ancient fisherman.

The Versatile Mr. Robinson (Culled from an article in a local evening contemporary) Manager Wilbur Robinson said this afternoon: "Coombs is one of the biggest finds in years for me. He is himself; the last season proved that. He is more; he helps every way he can, and that sort of a player is past all mere monetary value. I expect to work him tomorrow, though I reserve the option to change my mind at the last moment.

Grave Diggers Strike The grave-diggers forces in the Holy Cross Cemetery at Yeadon struck today for a raise pay. Funeral coffins through miles of rails but the strike resulted in placing the bodies in the vaults. —Hutchings & Co.

F. T. M. who discovered the above in the Government records that one strike isn't much to brag about for Rudolph.

WHEN COMPROMISE FAILS IN ENGLAND

Duties of the Opposition in Parliament and the Enigmas of Government by Coalition in Wartime IMAGINE an administration at Washington with Wilson as President; Taft, Secretary of State; Roosevelt, Secretary of War, and Eugene V. Debs, Secretary of the Interior. Put Bryan in as Secretary of Agriculture (perhaps the nearest thing to a padded cell in the Cabinet), Uncle Joe Cannon as head of the Postoffice Department, and find other places for such differing types as Henry Ford and Senator Lodge—and you would have something not unlike the present British Cabinet.

Such a notion of Government by coalition is an English and not an American idea. In this country crises do not make the lion and the lamb lie down together. Crises here tend to differentiate the political parties more than ever. Here in time of stress the cry is "let us have nothing but out-and-out Republicans or Democrats in office."

That compromise is not always a good thing is shown by the shakiness of the present coalition Cabinet—masterpiece of compromise that it is. The trouble with a coalition is that it is made up of too many equally important persons. It is composed "leaders" and gets along as badly as an "all-star" theatrical cast.

Who would have dreamed that the lengthy legs of Lord Kitchener, imperialist and militarist, would ever have stretched in council beneath the same mahogany as those of Lloyd-George, near Socialist and pacifist. While Kitchener was fighting the Boers in South Africa Lloyd-George was voting in Parliament not to send supplies to Kitchener's and Roberts' armies.

It is not easy for men of such differing antecedents as Lloyd-George and Kitchener to become reconciled. It was only the fact that Britain faced the greatest of crises that produced the crowning achievement of British compromise—the coalition Cabinet.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER "The Sweet, Intimate Story of Life" Makes Its Columns Glorious But the beauty and the joy of our papers and their little tributes is that who live in the country towns know our own heroes.

Wellington Ought to Be Hanged But far more disloyal did the Opposition become in the Napoleonic period. Between the war which Pitt opened against France then and the present war against Germany the points of resemblance are many and strong.

Our papers, our little country papers, seem to draw and minister to strangers; yet we who read them find in their lines the sweetest, intimate story of life. And all these touches of nature makes us wondrous kind. It is the country newspaper, bringing together daily the threads of the town's life, weaving them into something rich and strange, and setting the pattern as it weaves, directing the loom, and giving the cloth its color by mixing the lives of all the people in its color—It is this country newspaper that reveals us to ourselves, that keeps our country hearts quick, and our country minds open, and our country faith strong.

Disraeli was the first British statesman who refused to take advantage of the ruthless blunders of a Government in the conduct of a war, and who satisfied the patriotic conscience that no man could have a war with out-

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What is the duty of all parties to support the Government. But his doctrine was not followed in the next great test after the Crimean war. In the South African war the Liberal party denounced the campaign against the Boers as wicked and impolitic.

Learning to Compromise It was through a history of such bitter lessons that England learned her art of political compromise. After 700 years of parliamentary life a nation learns that the Government is often wrong and the Opposition often right and vice versa, and that both sides of heads are better than either set alone.

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Little Act of Kindness Editor of "What Do You Know"—Here is the poem requested by Elizabeth in the EVENING LEDGER for April 27.

LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS It isn't the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone That gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun.

Those little acts of kindness, So easily out of mind, Those chances to be angels Which we poor mortals find— They come in night and silence, Each sad, reproachful wraith, When hope is faint and flagging And a chill has fallen on fate.

And sorrow is all too great, To suffer our slow consciousness That carries until too late, It isn't the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone Which gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun.

EDITOR The poem has also been sent in by Miss M. P. Houshington, Pa.; Mrs. L. H. McKel, York; Dalton House, Lawrenceville, N. J.; M. T. F. Philadelphia, and others.

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

- QUIZ 1. What is the correct pronunciation of "sin Felice"? 2. Do members of the British Parliament receive salaries? 3. Who is Patrick Henry Pearse? 4. What was the piffal an emblem of in China? 5. Why has the coming of May 1 been a source of anxiety to the authorities in various countries in recent years? 6. Of what is silk made? 7. What distinction should be made in its use of the words "further" and "farther"? 8. What French statesman was assassinated at the opening of the present war? 9. From what source is rubber obtained? 10. Who wrote the drama "Faust"?

- Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. Lord Wimborne is Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. 2. The British have not reached Baghdad as yet. 3. Victor Herbert is an American orchestra conductor and musical composer. 4. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote "The Good House Shanty." 5. Elias Howe invented the sewing machine in 1845. 6. Shakespeare acted old men's parts. 7. Nitro is south of Petrograd. 8. The next Congressional election is on November 7. 9. The King of Spain was a king as soon as he was crowned. 10. The Government of the United States owns a cable line to Alaska.

New Jersey Corporation Editor of "What Do You Know"—In forming a corporation under the New Jersey law is formed under general statute or special charter how many incorporators are required and how much stock must be subscribed? T. H. If you wish to form a corporation you will have to employ a lawyer, anyway. It will be wiser, therefore, to put your question to him.

Comparison of Sieges Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me how the siege of Kut-el-Amara compares with the siege of Port Arthur, Richmond, Vicksburg, Plevna, Metz, Ladysmith, Lucknow, Adrianople and other modern sieges? H. T. U.

General Townshend's force in Kut-el-Amara withstood the onslaughts of the Turks and was used for 143 days. The Russians shut off Port Arthur in 1905 held the record in recent warfare in this regard, having fought off the Japanese 241 days before surrendering. However, Sebastopol held out 234 days and the defenders did not surrender, but withdrew from the city after destroying the ships in the harbor. Again at Plevna the Russians besieged the city 114 days, losing 18,500 men during the 41 days of fighting, while the Turks lost 30,000 during the entire siege. The Russian loss was 40,000. Richmond held 240 days. Vicksburg fell after being besieged by the Union forces 39 days. During the Prussian War Paris was besieged 131 days, a starvation caused its fall. Metz withstood the onslaught of the enemy for 134 days, and its commander, Marshal Bazaine, was court-martialed for 143 days. The Russians held out after 200 days of fighting. Antwerp held out only nine days. In the Boer War Ladysmith was besieged 118 days and Kimberly 124 days. Sir Robert Baden-Powell was besieged at Mafeking by General Cronje from October 11, 1899, to May 18, 1900. In Lucknow, during the Sepoy revolt, 1700 men held off a force of 50,000 for 15 weeks, and then held the city for two months after reinforcements arrived before peace was restored. Adrianople was defended by the Turks for 118 days before the attack of the Bulgars, who advanced on the city 10 October, 1912.

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